

ATTACHMENT AClean Replacement/New Claims (entire set of pending claims)

Following herewith is a clean copy of the entire set of pending claims.

1. (amended) An intervertebral implant, having an upper part that has a support face for a vertebra and a lower part that has a support face for an adjacent vertebra, on each of which parts engagement elements, which are accessible from one side of the intervertebral implant, for a manipulation instrument are disposed, characterized in that the upper part and lower part each have protrusions and recesses aimed at the respectively other part, which are offset laterally from one another in such a way that when the upper part has been brought close to the lower part they mesh with one another; and that the engagement elements on the upper part and on the lower part are each disposed in protrusions of these parts in such a way that the engagement elements of the upper part and lower part are located side by side and at least partly overlap in the direction of the height of the intervertebral implant.
2. (amended) The implant of claim 1, characterized in that the engagement elements are insertion openings for pinlike retaining elements of a manipulation instrument.
- a₁ 3. (amended) The implant of claim 2, characterized in that the insertion openings extend substantially parallel to the support faces.
4. (amended) The implant of claim 1, characterized in that the lower part has a central indentation, opposite the lower support face, which indentation is surrounded by a U-shaped edge.
5. (amended) The implant of claim 4, characterized in that the upper part has a central protrusion that fits substantially in complimentary fashion into the indentation.
6. (amended) The implant of claim 4, characterized in that the engagement elements of the lower part are disposed on the two ends of the U-shaped edge.
7. (amended) The implant of claim 5, characterized in that the engagement elements of the upper part are disposed on the central protrusion of the upper part.

8. (amended) The implant of claim 7, characterized in that the engagement elements of the upper part are disposed near the lateral edges of the central protrusion.

9. (amended) The implant of claim 1, characterized in that the upper part and/or the lower part is embodied in substantially platelike fashion.

10. (amended) The implant of claim 1, characterized in that the lower part and the upper part each have a respective receptacle for a pivot insert.

11. (amended) The implant of claim 10, characterized in that the pivot insert has at least one spherical support face, which engages the correspondingly spherically shaped receptacle.

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12. (amended) The implant of claim 11, characterized in that the spherical receptacle is disposed in the central protrusion of the upper part.

13. (amended) The implant of claim 10, characterized in that the central indentation of the lower part forms the receptacle for the pivot insert.

14. (amended) The implant of claim 13, characterized in that the pivot insert can be inserted from the side into the receptacle, which has the engagement elements for a manipulation instrument.

15. (amended) The implant of claim 14, characterized in that the pivot insert is insertable into the receptacle along a guide.

16. (amended) The implant of claim 15, characterized in that the pivot insert is embodied substantially in platelike fashion.

17. (amended) The implant of claim 11, characterized in that the pivot insert substantially completely fills up the central receptacle and with its spherical support face protrudes from the receptacle.